

FOREST ORDER

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GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

Grand Valley, Norwood, Ouray, Gunnison, and Paonia Districts

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest lands in the Grand Valley, Norwood, Ouray, Gunnison, and Paonia Ranger Districts, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (the "Restricted Areas"). The Restricted Areas are located in Mesa, Delta, San Miguel, Montrose, Ouray, Hinsdale, Saguache, Pitkin, and Gunnison Counties.

The purpose of this Order is to protect riparian areas from resource damage due to dispersed camping activities.

PROHIBITION:

Camping within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, pond, river or other similar body of water. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

- 1) Except when camping in: Designated Forest Service campsites in developed campgrounds that are identified by a developed recreated sign that says "Campground"
- 2) Designated Forest Service dispersed sites that are identified with a Forest Service sited marker which may be a post with a tent symbol or a post with a location code and site marker.
- 3) Camping in Wilderness Areas. Camping in Wilderness areas is restricted under separate Forest Service Orders. Please consult the Orders for the Wilderness Area.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty, or
2. Any person with a permit issued by the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A. This Order shall remain in effect for five years or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Executed in Delta, Colorado this 11th day of May, 2017.



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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571